

Washington, December 19, 1908.

Mr. C. S. Sloane,
Secretary, U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sloane,

I enclose herewith a letter from Mr. W. C. Mendenhall, of the Water Resources Branch of the Geological Survey, concerning the name of "Coachella."

I find upon the San Jacinto special sheet of the Geological Survey, and also upon other maps, the name of "Conchilla" valley and desert, and I am strongly of the opinion that "Conchilla," which he says means small shells, is a proper name, and that the name as he finds it applied to a railroad station originated in a typographical error.

Yours very truly,

Henry Gannett.

Chairman,
U. S. Geographic Board.